

WELCA FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

Thursday, Feb 7 | 12:00pm | Fellowship Hall

Women of all ages are encouraged to attend the monthly WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) gatherings. February's program will be provided by Ann Koudela and the Alleluia Ringers.

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Jan 28 - Feb 18 | 10:00am-12:00pm | Family Room

Join us on Monday mornings for four weeks as we dive deeper into the Gospel of Matthew. There is no need to sign up. Come as you are, and we will learn together!

ULTIMATE DATE NIGHT WITH JAY & LAURA LAFFOON

Sat, Feb 2 | 7:00-9:00pm | AAHS Performing Arts Center

This Thrivent sponsored event is full of laughter, entertainment and ministry as we explore the unique reality marriage brings to everyday life! Tickets are \$15/person and can be purchased online at <https://bit.ly/2RSJ91h> or at the Thrivent office or Common Ground Coffee House.

WINTER/SPRING FAMILY MUSIC CLASSES

Feb 6 - Apr 10 | 8:30-9:00am | Garden Room

This class is for kids ages 18 months to 3 years old and their caregivers to enjoy various elements of music. Register online at www.firstlutheranalexandria.com/family-music-classes or in the church office by 1/30. Cost is \$40 plus \$10 for each sibling. Instructor: Leila Preston

RADIO BROADCASTS

The FLC Radio Broadcast is a vital part of our ministry to the surrounding community and the world. Going forward, we will be publishing one sponsorship for a broadcast at a time, on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact the office so we can get your special event on the calendar.

MADE WITH LOVE BAKE SALE

February 10 | 8:30am-12:00pm | Fellowship Hall

Join us for baked goods, a coffee bar and fellowship! Proceeds will go toward the garage at the new building. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you'd like to donate baked goods. Baked goods can be dropped off on Saturday, February 9 from 10:00am-12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

SIGN OUR NEW WALLS!

January 1 - 21 | West Entry by Welcome Center

Write a message that will be placed in the walls of our new building.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Welcome to First Lutheran Church, where faith and life meet!

OUR MISSION

First Lutheran is a vibrant Christian community committed to connecting faith and life for people of all ages through worship, learning, and serving in Jesus' name.

MORE INFORMATION

Volunteers and staff are available before and after worship services to assist you. Children's bulletins and Worship Bags are available for use at the back of the Sanctuary. Our Lil' Kingdom Kids/Nursery is open and staffed during the 8:30am, 9:45am and 6:15pm worship. It is open for use but unstaffed at the 11:00am worship service. It is located on the preschool level of the building in the Rainbow Room.

LEARN MORE AT

FIRSTLUTHERANALEXANDRIA.COM/EVENTS

or stop by the Welcome Center for our Weekly or Monthly Calendar.

PRAYER REQUESTS | HOSPITAL VISITS

If you have a prayer request or if you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like a visit, please call or email the church office at 320-762-2196 or admin@firstlutheranalexandria.com.

GIVING

Offering envelopes are located in each pew. You can also give by texting 320.500.6014 or by visiting us online at firstlutheranalexandria.com/your-gift.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Greg Billberg, Lead Pastor
Kari van Wakeren, Associate Pastor
Ben Jacobson, Associate Pastor
Randy Morken, Director of Music and Liturgy



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SATURDAY | 1.19.19
SUNDAY | 1.20.19

WELCOME AND GREETINGS**GATHERING SONG**

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* #815
(11:00) *Open the Eyes of My Heart* (lyrics on screen)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: *In the name of the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

C: Amen.

At this time we take a moment to be still, confess our sins, and receive God's forgiveness. Silence for reflection.

P: *Most merciful God,*

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: *God, who is rich in mercy ... that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.*

C: Amen.

GREETING

P: *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: *God of mercy,*

C: you understand the struggles and temptations that we face. We cannot do this alone, and so we ask that you would give us the courage, strength and grace to face each day. In Jesus' name, amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Paula Odland
(8:30/9:45) *On Eagles' Wings*.....arr. Ferguson Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME

(8:30/9:45) Congregation sings *Jesus Loves Me* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

First Reading: Psalm 91:9-12

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Greg Billberg

SERMON SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* #742
(11:00) *Lord, I Need You* (lyrics on screen)

BAPTISM (5:00)

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BAPTISM SONG (5:00)

Lyrics on Screen

CONFESSION OF FAITH *WE CONFESS OUR SHARED FAITH.*

Apostles' Creed: on back cover of ELW hymnal.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**OFFERING** *WE RETURN TO GOD A PORTION OF OUR BLESSINGS.***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: *Blessed are you,*

C: O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

See back cover of ELW

FAMILY BLESSING

Today we offer a family blessing. We want to bless and support all people at FLC in being the person of God you are created and called to be. We see family in terms of households; one person or many people can make up a household. Who we are and how we treat one another - whether we live alone or with others - is an incredible part of how we live out our faith. All are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

BENEDICTION *GOD'S BLESSING IS SPOKEN OVER US.*

P: *The Lord bless and keep you. The Lord guide your footsteps and sustain you with His grace and may the Spirit keep you in His peace.*

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**DISMISSAL** *WE DEPART TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD.*

P: *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God.

P: *And all God's children said,*

C: Amen!

SENDING SONG

This Little Light of Mine #677

PRAYERS

BAPTISM: (5:00) Susanna Mae McDonald daughter of Scott and Julie McDonald

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Ruth Nelson, Bill Kuhnau, Louise Nelson

SYMPATHY TO: Jim and Marilyn Johnson on the death of Jim's sister Dana Bauer; Don Borgmann on the death of his son-in-law

LINKING OUR PAST WITH OUR FUTURE

Sunday, February 24 | 2:00pm | Sanctuary

Please join us for this time of reflection and celebration of our church's history and our exciting future. This is an interactive program for all ages, including drama, music, humor and special memories. Coffee and treats will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL 2019-20 INFO MEETING

Wed, Jan 23 | 5:15-6:30pm | Preschool Office

This informational meeting is for First Lutheran Church members only. Preschool registration begins on Thursday, January 24. Please call 320.763.5293 with questions.

MORNING MOVIE

Saturday, January 26 | 9:30-11:00am | Grand Arbor Movie Theater

All ages are invited to join us for this annual morning of fun and fellowship. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors! We'll be watching *Small Foot*. Popcorn and lemonade will be provided. This event is hosted by the FLC Family Ministry Team.

ALL AGES OUTING TO THE ANDRIA THEATRE

Sunday, February 17 | 2:00-4:00pm | Andria Theatre

All ages are invited to join us for an outing to see Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr. at the Andria Theatre. Tickets are \$14/person. Sign up by Thursday, Jan 24. Payment is due at the time of sign-up. Mark *Andria Theatre* in the memo line. The Family Ministry is hosting this time of fellowship and will provide treats during intermission.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 10

Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00am-12:30pm and the meeting will be held in the Sanctuary from 12:45-1:45pm. Childcare available. First Lutheran was gifted two lots located by Lake Carlos State Park in 2017 with the request of the sale proceeds going to the Building Fund. We have a buyer for both lots and in order to proceed with the sale, we need congregational approval, which will happen at the Annual Meeting.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Tuesday, January 29 | 6:00-7:00pm | Family Room

Sign up at the Welcome Center by Sunday, January 27. Light snack will be provided. Childcare will be available.